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Re-appointment of ex-Aaron Mill workers

* 3073 *Q*.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the management of the Western India Cottons, Limited, Pappinisseri, to give preference to the ex-Aaron Mill workers in accordance with their service in the matter of recruitment of workers;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the management did not stick up to the principle of recruitment of workers according to their service;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the decision of the Western India Cottons Workers' Union to resort to satyagraha with effect from 30th September 1955; and

(*d*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Yes, Sir.

(*d*) The Government did not take any action in the matter. The satyagraha also did not take place.

Assistant Public Prosecutors

* 3074 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY (on behalf of Sri V. Gopala Gounder): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the pay of the Assistant Public Prosecutors in the State has been revised from 1st April 1955; and

(*b*) if so, whether effect was given to it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

Tobacco cultivation in Kasargode.

* 3075 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of tobacco cultivation in Kasargode taluk, South Kanara district; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal for the cultivation of improved variety of tobacco in that area?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The area under tobacco cultivation in Kasargode taluk is estimated to be about 1,100 to 1,300 acres.

(*b*) The Government are considering a proposal to establish a Tobacco Research Station in Kasargode taluk with the financial assistance of the Indian Central Tobacco Committee, to investigate soil conditions, to help in raising better tobacco crop economically and to evolve methods of curing the tobacco on scientific lines